Appointment of contractual and temporary workers in the E T & T,

705. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state what is the number of conti actual/tempo- -rary workers from private companies who have been appointed in the Electronics Trade and Technology Development Corporation Ltd. ana how much amount has '
been paid to them during the last one year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECH-NOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF * STATE IN. THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC' ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): For obtaining services of. varied nature from time to time, Electronics Tratie and Technology Development Corporation (ET&T) have not appointed. any personnel but given assignments on cotractual basis to outside bodies and agencies.

ETST has paid approximately Rs. 7. 83 lakhs to the outside bodies and agencies towards contractual assignments during 1986-87 which are towards cleaning and maintenance, security, packaging, financial consultancy, etc. '. _

Account oi; overtime paid by ET&T

706. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state what amount has been paid by the Elec tronics Trade" and Technology. Develop ment Corporation Ltd. as overtime allow ance during 1986-87?,

" THE MINISTER OF STATE IN. THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECH-NOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): Rs. 2. 46 lakhs—From April 1986 to January 1987.

Bank robberies in Punjab

707. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BAN-SAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any breakthrough has been made in the investigations into the bank robberies that were committed in Punjab during the year 1986-87;

(b) if so, ' what are the details thereof including the number of parsons arreste'd and amount recovered;

(c) what fresh steps have been taken to improve the security arrangements at banks, particularly in rural areas; anil

(d) whether there i_s any proposal un der consideration of Government to mini mise the cash accumulations in banks and, jf so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JAN-ARDHAN POOIARI): (a) and (b) The Reserve Bank of India has reported that as per available information of bank robberies dacoities that occurred in Punjab during $_v$the years 1986 and 1987. in 7 ases 18 culprits, have been arrested. Of these, in six cases a sum of Rs. 1. 49 lakhs has been recovered.

(c) Bank robberies/dacoities, to a con-siderable extent^ depend on the -general security environment in the locality. Depending on the risk factor involved, steps have been taken by banks to appoint security guards, instal appropriate alarm systems, etc. "in the branches.

(d) Cash retention' limits for bank branches are fixed by the concerned bank. In fixing cash holding limts, seyeral factors, are taken into account, such as, size and location of the branch, volume of business, security environment, etc. The banks, however, review the requirements periodically and try to keep th© limits to the minimise necessary. ' -

Visit of the eSIR Review Committe at CSIO, Chandigarh

708. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BAN-SAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleasej to state;, '

(a) whether the OSlR review committee recently visited the Central Scientific Instruments Organisation at Chandigarh on a fact-finding mission;